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Union pour la Méditerranée  
Union for the Mediterranean  
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**“The Union for  
the Mediterranean  
is a geographical reality,  
a political necessity,  
a socio-economic  
opportunity and  
above all a strategic  
need for the countries  
of the region.”**

**Youssef Amrani**  
*Secretary General of the UfM*

# A SHORT HISTORY

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## 43 countries, one partnership

The Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) is a multilateral partnership bringing together 43 countries from Europe, the Middle East, North Africa and the Balkans.

It was launched on the 13th of July 2008 at the Paris Summit as a continuation of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership (Euro-Med), also known as the Barcelona Process, established at the Barcelona Conference in 1995.

The UfM constitutes a framework for political, economic and social relations between the European Union and the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean Countries and is inspired by the goals set out in the Barcelona Declaration.

Established in March 2010, the UfM headquarters operates in Barcelona with the aim of promoting concrete economic and social projects that impact people's lives, and create a real partnership on an equal-footing basis.



# OUR MISSION

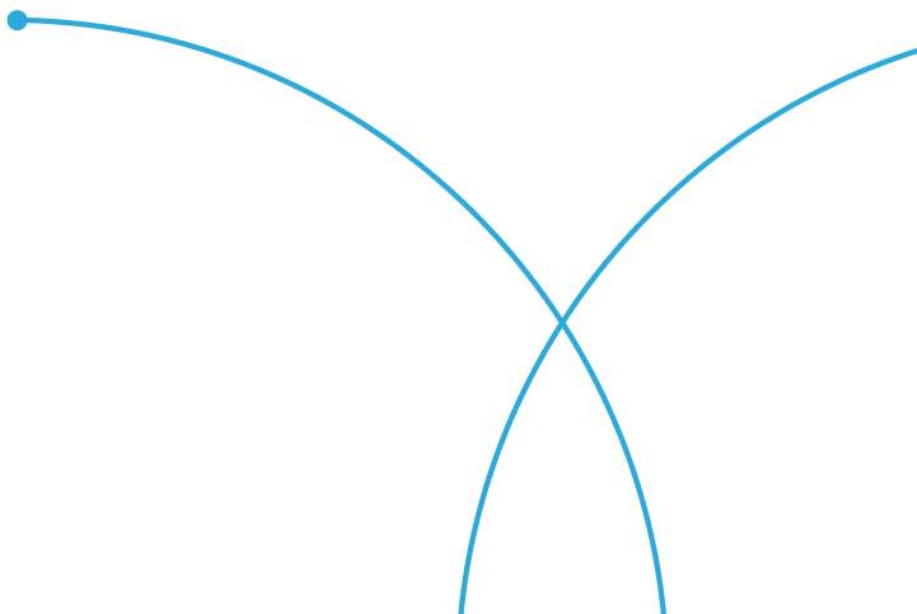
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**To enhance cooperation and understanding between the two shores of the Mediterranean, through the implementation of concrete projects.**

The Secretariat is a project coordination platform for all UfM partners. It proactively gathers and promotes regional, sub-regional, transnational projects, or national projects in the framework of regional strategies or initiatives.

It aims at improving the socio-economic development, regional integration, sustainable development and the exchange of knowledge among and within the countries of the UfM in six priorities areas identified at the Paris Summit.

The Secretariat works in synergy with other key stakeholders in the Euro-Mediterranean region including the UfM Parliamentary Assembly, the Euro-Mediterranean Assembly of local and regional authorities (ARLEM) and the Anna Lindh Foundation.



# OUR PRIORITY AREAS

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**De-pollution  
of the  
Mediterranean**

**Maritime  
and  
Land Highways**

**Civil  
Protection**

**Alternative  
Energies:  
Mediterranean  
Solar Plan**

**Higher  
Education  
and Research,  
Euro-  
Mediterranean  
University**

**The  
Mediterranean  
Business  
Development  
Initiative**

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# OUR ADDED VALUE

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**Raising awareness and visibility:** When attributing the label, the 43 countries from the Northern, Southern and Eastern Mediterranean help the promoter of the project to further raise support and mobilize partners.

**Upstream advice and support:** The Secretariat builds on a pre-analysis and up-stream sharing of information with its network of Euro-Mediterranean partners, financiers and donors as well as on its in-house expertise to provide up-stream advice to the promoters with a view to improve the bankability of the submitted projects, to encourage cooperation between promoters and to identify partners for small and medium-size projects.

**Facilitate access to finance:** The UfM Secretariat plays a catalytic role in finding financing for the projects by developing a strong network of donors and financiers, from the Mediterranean region and beyond.

## WHAT IS THE UfMlabel?

The UfM label is attributed to projects by a unanimous decision of the 43 countries of the Union for the Mediterranean, acknowledging that a project is designed to deliver concrete benefits for citizens of the Euro-Mediterranean region, enhance the flow of exchanges among them and contribute to regional and sub-regional integration.

# IN A NUTSHELL...

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The UfM carries a real value. It is one of the largest regional entities and represents:

- > A strong political commitment and collective solidarity, with 43 countries representing an overall population of 800 million citizens.
- > More co-ownership through its Secretariat based in Barcelona, which brings together a team of over 40 experts from the EU and Southern and Eastern Mediterranean Countries.
- > Stronger regional and sub-regional integration, through large projects to develop transport, energy and water infrastructures.
- > More concrete projects to meet the needs of Mediterranean citizens, to support local development, improve woman entrepreneurship and enhance higher education systems and research programmes.
- > Better adaptation to the current regional context, with a focus on the development of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and job creation, especially for the youth.



# OUR GOVERNANCE

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**The co-presidency:** the UfM is chaired by a co-president from the EU and a co-president from the Mediterranean partner countries. They chair Summits, all Ministerial meetings, Senior Officials meetings and experts/ad hoc meetings.

**The Senior Officials:** the partners of the Union for the Mediterranean meet on a regular basis at the level of Senior Officials of the Foreign Affairs departments of the 43 partner countries, EU institutions and the League of Arab States. Senior Officials meetings (SOM) oversee and coordinate the work of the Union for the Mediterranean.

**The Secretariat:** based in Barcelona, it is led by a Secretary General, assisted by 6 Deputies Secretary General for the 6 areas of work. It is financed by the European Commission and countries contributions on a voluntary basis. Its unique joint structure is essential to ensure the equal-footing governance between partners.





Total Population  
of the **UfM**  
countries:

**802,175,692**

# 43 COUNTRIES

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The Union for the Mediterranean brings together 27 EU member states and 16 partner countries

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Austria | Albania | Algeria | Belgium  
Bosnia and Herzegovina | Bulgaria  
Croatia | Cyprus |  
The Czech Republic | Denmark | Egypt  
Estonia | Finland | France | Germany  
Greece | Hungary | Israel | Italy | Jordan  
Latvia | Lebanon Lithuania  
Luxembourg | Malta | Mauritania  
Monaco | Montenegro | Morocco  
The Netherlands | The Palestinian  
Authority | Poland | Portugal  
Republic of Ireland | Romania  
Slovakia | Slovenia | Spain | Sweden  
Syria | Tunisia | Turkey  
The United Kingdom

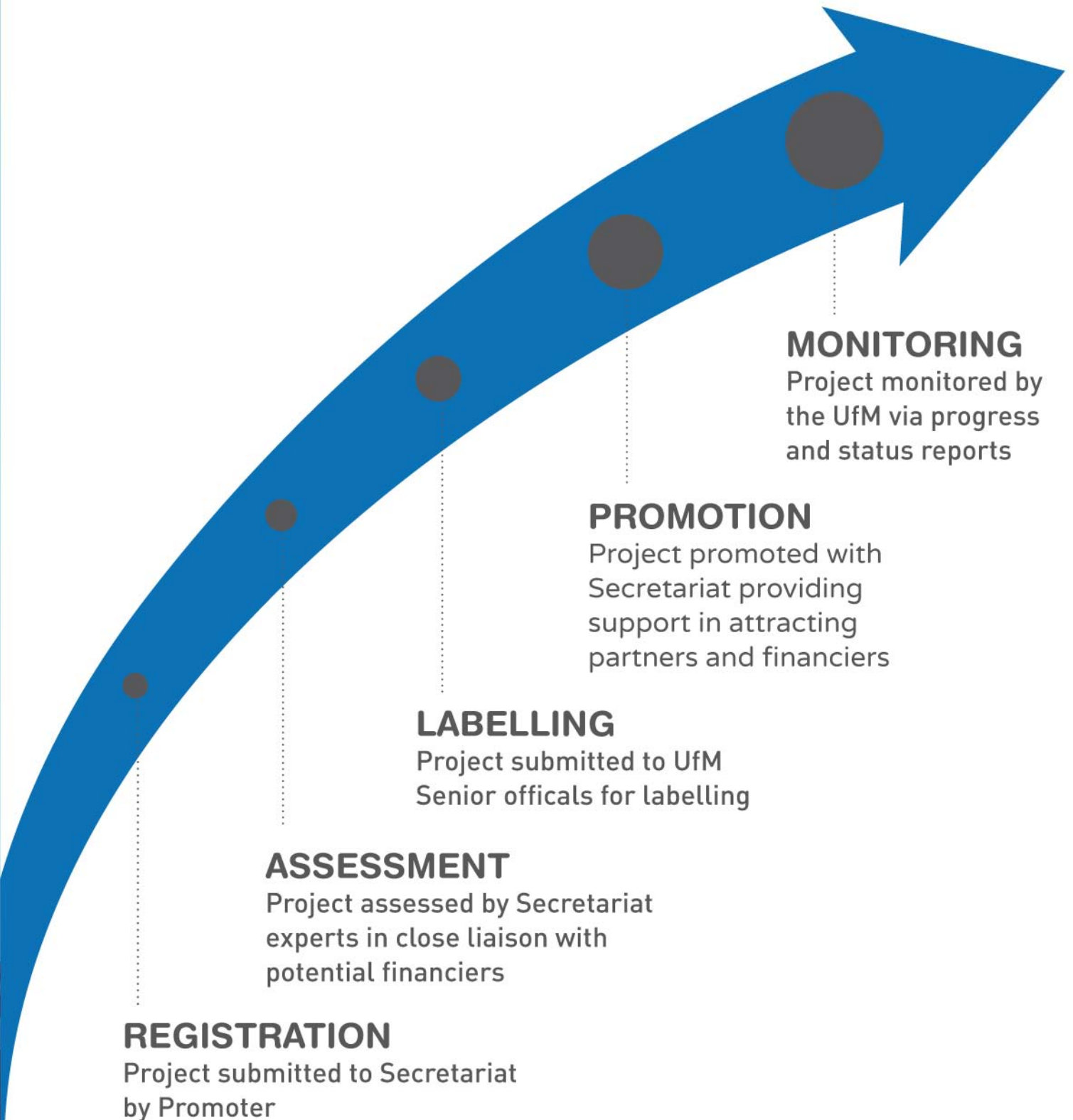
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# OUR PROJECT CYCLE

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The UfM manages the project cycle from the identification to the facilitation of fundings. Projects can be proposed by national or regional authorities and institutions, private sector, international institutions and civil society organizations.



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